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### INSIDE **THIS** WEEK:



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Cllr John Fillis, Cllr Julie Gibson and Cllr Terry Aldridge looking towards the site entrance, with a copy of the West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan

### £2m pledged to clear college site to make way for train station

MORE than £2million has been pledged to demolish the former Skelmersdale College to make way for a train station in the town.

**Lancashire County Council's** Cabinet have approved the £1 acquisition of the former college site and allocated funds to demolish the buildings along with additional costs in preparation of the station development.

Cllr John Fillis, speaking on behalf of all the county councillors for Skelmersdale, Cllr Julie Gibson and Cllr Terry Aldridge, said: "This is another significant step forward in bringing train services back to Skelmersdale, which will be a huge boost to the local economy that will be felt right across West Lancashire and beyond. It demonstrates the confidence that people have in Skelmersdale to grow and prosper even in these very difficult times.

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New measures to 'kickstart economic recovery' are unveiled as high street begins to come back to life

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

**CENTRES RETAIL** across Lancashire and Sefton got back to business on Monday, prompting an influx of visitors keen to rediscover high street shopping following weeks of lockdown.

To coincide with the easing of measures in shops, a new package of support to 'kick start the economic recovery' was launched.

The government announced that the High Streets Task Force will provide access to cutting-edge tools, training, information and advice for high streets across England as part of efforts to get shops back in business safely.

This support is open to local councils and all organisations involved with high streets and will include free access to online training programmes, webinars, data and



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intelligence on topics including recovery planning and coordination, public space and place marketing.

The support will form one part of the Task

Force's four-year programme which will focus on the long-term transformation of town and city centres and helping communities reimagine and revitalise their high streets.

A newly-formed Task Force board will guide the work of the Task Force and act as

a national voice for high streets, supporting them to transform town and city centres.

Parking charges at council-run car parks will remain suspended by West Lancs Council until the start of September - providing a major boost for local businesses as they reopen following the lockdown (see story

High Streets Minister Simon Clarke MP said: "The re-opening of our high streets will be a crucial part of kick-starting our economic recovery and restarting town life. That is why I welcome the appointment of Mark Robinson to head up the High Streets Task Force. I know that Mark will be a strong voice for ensuring that local businesses get the support they need to reopen safely in the coming weeks.
"Combined with our £50 million Reopen-

ing High Streets Safely Fund, the work of the Task Force will support our high streets through this challenging time and ensure they have the tools they need to get back on

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## Foodbank given £28,000 in memory of volunteer

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

SKELMERSDALE'S Trussell Trust Foodbank have been given a £28,000 donation from a bank chain to help it through the coronavirus - in memory of a dedicated pandemic volunteer.

The Co-operative Bank has worked with its trustee partners of 'historic special purpose entities' to make the donation to the local food bank, which operates in the community around one of the bank's main offices. It was recommended by Co-operative Bank employees to receive the funds as colleagues have been volunteering at the foodbank for a number of years, seeing the good work and the vital service in action. Colleagues also regularly collect items for donation to the initiative that provides a lifeline for those struggling to afford food and essentials in the area.

The Trussell Trust foodbank in Skelmersdale has a special relationship with bank colleagues following the passing of Paul Lowe, a bank staff member who was dedicated to supporting the Skelmersdale foodbank at every opportunity. Paul is much missed by his bank colleagues and the foodbank volunteers



Tim Bleazard, Skelmersdale and District Foodbank Project Manager said: "It is simply a staggering amount of money, and a wonderful tribute to Paul.

"As a charity run predominantly by volunteers, we rely on generosity to operate. Generosity of time from our volunteers, and generosity of food and of money by the public and local businesses.

"This amount of money will enable us to plan forward in a way that is rarely experienced. Our aim is to be resilient to all challenges, and sustainable through all circumstances, so that we

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can continue to provide emergency food parcels to people most in need, now and in the future. Through this amazing donation we will be able to

think big and aim high.

"Paul came to the food bank in 2016 and even though he worked full time at the Co-operative he dedicated a lot of his own time to the foodbank. He was also a very active member of the steering group. He came into the food bank even when he was on annual leave from work and took annual leave to work the full day at the Tesco collection each year.

"Paul was a good friend to Skelmersdale and District Foodbank and a loyal servant to the people of Skelmersdale. His legacy will live on. Thank you Paul, and thank you Co-operative

Andrew Bester, Chief Executive Officer at The Co-operative Bank said; "We are grateful to have the opportunity to select the Trussell Trust's Skelmersdale branch as a charity to receive these funds, and in doing so, we can help to make a difference to those that vitally need it. Giving funds to the food bank in Skelmersdale means a great deal to us, not only as it is the community one of our offices' is part of, but also as a tribute to the commitment of our colleague, Paul, and the relationship he built between us and this essential

### Edge Hill to hold 'virtual open day'

EDGE Hill University is hosting its very first Virtual Open Day for prospective students to discover more about courses and life on campus.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the university has pulled out all the stops and moved activities and events online so that no one misses out on being able to make informed decisions about their future.

Up until Friday, June 19, thousands of potential applicants and their families will be able to view the campus, classrooms, accommodation and meet their lecturers online and from the safety of their own

Director of Student Recruitment & Administration Liam Owens said: "I'm really proud of the imagination and innovation everyone has shown to make this open

"It will be a great opportunity for everyone to find out more about our award-winning teaching, facilities and why it's a place where opportunity knows no bounds."

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## Package of support is announced to 'kickstart' economy

Mark Robinson, Chair of the Task Force, added: "This long-term initiative, running until 2024, shows the government's commitment to our towns and the transformation required. I look forward to making change happen.
"The Task Force has already provided

invaluable advice to town centre stake-holders in the current crisis and we will continue to build capacity, promoting best practice, led by research and evidenced by data.

"The Task Force will provide a rallying point for all of the people who care about our High Streets and advocate the change that is needed."

Over the next four years, the Task Force will work with towns and cities to provide dedicated expert support, mentoring, guidance and access to data and intelli-

The announcement follows the opening of the Government's £50m Reopening High Streets Safely Fund which will support local councils to reopen their high streets and other commercial areas.

Businesses across Sefton will be granted a £244,000 slice of the 'Reopening High Streets Safely' Fund to help local councils introduce a range of safety measures to help get people back to work and customers back to the shops.

The funds will support practical measures so businesses can re-open quickly when they are allowed to, staff get back to work and customers return to shops con-

The practical safety measures include new signs, street markings and temporary barriers

This will help get businesses get ready for when they can begin trading safely, not only in high streets and town and city centres, but also in other public spaces like beach fronts and promenades. Councils will also be allowed to use some of this cash to develop local marketing campaigns to explain the changes to the public and reassure them that their high streets and other commercial areas are

It is additional to the £3.2 billion package of support announced for councils recently to help them deal with the immediate pressures they are facing.

To help retailers, there are also temporary measures to safeguard the UK high street against aggressive debt recovery actions during the coronavirus pan-

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "Support for our high streets will be more important than ever as lockdown restrictions ease and businesses work hard to ensure they can reopen and operate under continued public health guidance.

"I very much welcome the announcement of the support the task force is set to offer and the funding alongside it, and I very much hope that the Government recognises the huge impact the coronavirus has had on West Lancashire and the support it needs to get its high streets and shopping areas back to the levels of customers we say before the levels of customers we saw before the lockdown."

### **Skem Train Station scheme** chugs another step forward

From page 1 "The station development is coming together due to the determination of local residents and their aspirations for themselves and future generations. As representatives we are only as strong as the people we rep-

"MP Rosie Cooper has cham-pioned the Skelmersdale Train Station, which was established within the West Lancashire Highways and Transport Master Plan in October 2014. Despite changes within the political landscape it has been kept on track, demonstrating its true strategic value within the North

This will now bring all the required land together for the train station, parking and retail development, in addition to the current work already being carried out by West Lancashire Borough Council and partners.

"The county council in part-nership with Liverpool City Region Combined Authority have been progressing the Skelmersdale Rail Link and town centre railway station through Network Rail's Governance for Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) process for a number of years, supported by Network Rail and consultants.

#### Accelerate

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper commented: "I am pleased that progress continues with the transfer of ownership of these buildings to Lancashire County Council and with the plans to demolish.

"The Transport Minister wrote earlier this year to reassure me,

and residents, that they were keen to work with Lancashire County Council to discuss the case for bringing a rail link to Skelmersdale and seeking Gov-

ernment funding.
"He stated that funding could be used to accelerate the development of schemes that are already being considered for restoration - something we are well on with here having already progressed the case for Skelmersdale Railway through the initial GRIP (Governance for Railway Investment Projects)stages.
"I am clear that I will hold the

Prime Minister to his promise to deliver a train station for Skelmersdale.A railway station in the heart of Skelmers dale will open up a world of economic and social opportunities for the town and its residents.

### Postcode lottery win for residents!

FOUR people in Ormskirk and five in Skelmersdale celebrated win-ning £1,000 each thanks to their lucky postcode.

The neighbours netted the wind-

fall when L39 5QG and WN8 6TD were announced as Daily Prize winners in recent People's Postcode

A minimum of 32% of ticket sales goes directly to charities and players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised over £500 million



to date for thousands of good causes in Britain and beyond. Many good causes close to the

winners have also benefitted from players' support, and local charities can next apply for funding in

August. The five lucky winners in Skelmersdale live in the Kestrel Mews area.
People's Postcode Lottery ambas-

sador Danyl Johnson sent his wellwishes to the winners. He said: "Congratulations to them all! What a great surprise for them, I hope the news made their day.

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## Parking charges in town centres to remain suspended

Council hopes it will help businesses back on their feet

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

PARKING charges will remain suspended by West Lancs Council until the start of September - providing a major boost for local businesses as they reopen following the lockdown.

The local authority stopped charging for parking during the coronavirus outbreak they have now confirmed a plan to keep this in place until at least September 1.

It will come as welcome news for businesses based in town centres, including Ormskirk, as it could tempt more people to shop local.

There had been concern from some councillors that the parking charges would be reinstated at a crucial time for local businesses, as the government allows 'nonessential retail stores' to reopen this week.

From Monday, June 15 most shops have been able to reopen after spending months

A spokesperson for the authority said: "There will be lots of signage in Ormskirk Town Centre reminding shoppers to keep a safe distance and we have been surveying local retailers on how we can help them meet the

social distancing rules for their customers.

"Parking charges will remain suspended in Council-run car parks until at least September 1, 2020 to help support the recovery of the town centre.



The Stiles car park in Ormskirk

"The layout of the market has been carefully considered and we will only reopen the mar-ket if the five coronavirus tests are met locally as set out by Lancashire's Director of Public Health.

Councillor Ian Moran, Leader of the Council, believes shop owners are ready to welcome back their customers, but has urged locals to stay two metres apart to ensure

social distancing rules are obeyed. He said: "The safety of those working and shopping in the town centre is our top priority and we are taking steps to help everyone keep

"Traders are keen to welcome visitors back, and please remember if you are out shopping stay two metres apart from others at all times when outside your home."



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## Rotarians donate to four charities during lockdown

ROTARIANS across Maghull and Aughton have sprung into action to help local causes during the coronavirus pandemic.

They donated undisclosed sums to the South Sefton Food Bank, Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale, Sewing Rooms in Skelmersdale and the Lydiate Learning Trust.

Ian Agnew from Maghull and Aughton Rotary told the Cham-pion: "While the restrictions of lockdown stopped our regular face to face meetings and fund raising activities, we quickly recognised the humanitarian crisis we were facing in our own communities and the need to help the needy and most vulnerable people.

"We therefore adapted by using Zoom to meet online and communicating on WhatsApp. Some members donated the saving of food and drink costs, which would have been incurred at normal meetings, to our Charity Trust Account and so we were able to boost this good causes fund. We stretched our finances to send money to these four vital charities.

The South Sefton Food Bank provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to



Ian Agnew

them in crisis. The Birchwood Centre provide a range of services for adults and young people to prevent homelessness, reduce self isolation and improve health and wellbeing.

"The Sewing Rooms are social enterprise which tackles social problems trying to munities. They have training workshops and a manufacturing department that makes soft furnishings and now PPE.

"The Lydiate Learning Trust are a network of North West schools and acadamies, the Merseyside hub of which has been making PPE, including the visors, for the

"As far as physical activity is concerned, some of our members and friends with sewing skills have been making Covid-19-proof face masks for local care workers, other than in the NHS, and key workers. Members and friends have also been making scrub bags for staff at Alder Hey, Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals as well as Queenscourt Hospice."

#### Sanctuary appeals for storage unit

Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood are appealing for a storage unit to help them with donated items.

A spokepserson for the charity said: "We are looking for somewhere clean, secure and where our fundraising volunteers would be able to access it on event days and to sort and organise the items they get in. Ideally, we would like it to be located within the surrounding area to our site in Holmes-wood, such as Southport or Hesketh Bank."

Woodlands Call 01704 823893 if you can











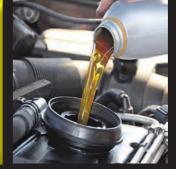




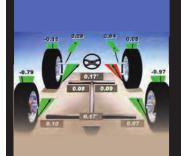
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### Hospital tower to be given £15m revamp

Report by **Tom Martin** 

PLANS to spend £15million to renovate a section of Aintree Hospital have been revealed.

The 125-foot tall Tower Block, which was built

49 years ago and holds 480 beds, will be given a much-needed revamp.

The building is a local landmark, its 10 floors being visible from miles around, including from the grandstands at Aintree Racecourse.

The renovation works will make patients more comfortable, while also protecting the building from the weather.

In addition, the hospital's main entrance will get a new contemporary look, improving the environ-ment for patients and their visitors. Hospital services will continue as normal throughout the construction programme, which is expected to

take two and a half years.
Steve Warburton, chief executive of Liverpool
University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Aintree University Hospital, said: "This is the biggest single investment in Aintree Tower Block and will extend its lifespan by up to 30 years. This development means that we have invested more than £200 million into Aintree's buildings and facilities since 2006.

"The Tower Block development is great news for our patients and staff. It is also a vote of confidence in the hospital and the vital role it plays for the city region's NHS services.

"Our staff work hard to provide high-quality care for our patients and it is important that our buildings support this.

"This renovation will breathe new life into the Tower Block and give it a modern, efficient and contemporary feel."

Paul Fitzpatrick, Director of Estates and Facilities for the Trust, added: "The renovation will provide improved insulation, solar reflection and natural ventilation helping to manage inside temperatures all year round. Patients and staff will really notice the benefits - cold winters will feel warmer, while hot summers will feel cooler."
The construction will be carried out by BAM

Construction, who previously built the £35 million Urgent Care and Trauma centre at Aintree University Hospital in 2017.



The existing Tower Block (left) and an artist's impression of the new-look building (right)

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### Campaigners look to save 'well-used' pedestrian bridge

AN online petition has been set-up to try and save a "well-used" pedestrian bridge used" pedestrian bridge crossing next to the Concourse

Shopping Centre.
There are plans from Skelmersdale Limited Partnership(SLP), which owns the Concourse, to demolish the crossing, which takes pedestrians between the centre and the Ecumenical Centre.

In a planning application from SLP, it states: "Due to the ongoing maintenance liability of an ageing pedestrian bridge which is not widely used we propose to replace this using the existing surface level highway crossing point already used by members of the pub-

Birch Green Councillors Carl



Cllrs Carl Coughlan (left) and Sue Gregson (right) and two cyclists using the crossing

Coughlan and Sue Gregson said: "If a public consultation had taken place, the Con-course owners would be course owners would be aware that the bridge is cur-rently the only safe crossing point in this location espe-cially for people with mobility issues and those with prams

and buggies.
"The bridge crosses over a

busy road and is well used by local residents as there is currently no alternative safe crossing point at surface level.

The councillors have since started a petition on 38 Degrees to call for SLP to retain the crossing.

To view the petition, visit the website: shorturl.at/jkpz8

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# More than 15,300 people in West Lancs supported through jobs scheme

Report by **Tom Martin** 

MORE than 15,300 jobs in West Lancashire have been supported by the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) and Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS).

The financial support, also known as furlough, was brought in to mitigate the effects of coronavirus and allows employees to receive 80% of their monthly salary up to £2,500.

A similar programme for self-employed workers was also brought in, which is a grant paid out in a single instalment covering three months and amounting to 80% of average profit.

Businesses have furloughed 11,800 jobs in West

Businesses have furloughed 11,800 jobs in West Lancs, up to 31 May 2020, since the CJRS was launched on April 20.

The scheme will run until the end of October to continue the support for jobs and businesses as people return to work.

The SEISS has financially supported 3,500 self-

The SEISS has financially supported 3,500 selfemployed individuals in West Lancs who have been adversely affected by the coronavirus outbreak and paid grants worth a total of £23,100,000 up to May 31

On May 29, the Chancellor announced an exten-



Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer

sion to this scheme. Those eligible to claim the SEISS grant will be able to claim a second and final grant in August of up to £6.750.

Across the UK, some 8.9 million workers have been placed on the CJRS at a cost of £19.6bn. A further 2.6 million self-employed workers in the UK have made claims worth £7.5bn.

Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "The UK Government is doing everything we can to protect jobs and businesses in the North West and across the UK during the crisis. Our unprecedented job retention and self-employment support schemes have supported the livelihoods of millions and will help ensure our recovery is as swift as possible."

### Council earns national praise for supporting families

LANCASHIRE County Council has received national recognition for its success in helping children get a better start in life by supporting families in difficulty.

New figures show that the county council's Children and Family Wellbeing service and its

partners has helped more families than any other council in the North West through the government's Troubled Families programme.

The recently published annual report shows that Lancashire is leading the way with 8,260 famil-

ies helped from 2015 to 2020.

This will result in improved outcomes for 19,632 children in Lancashire.

The county council will receive an extra £15.5m of extra funding allowing the work to continue for another year.



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### Lancashire Council given £6.3m for Test and Trace service

Report by **Tom Martin** 

LANCASHIRE County Council has been allocated more than £6,300,000 from the government to support the new Test and Trace service to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

Local authorities across England have shared a total

of £300million to develop tailored outbreak control plans, working with the service, their local NHS and other stakeholders.

Work on local outbreak control plans has already begun, focusing on identifying and containing potential outbreaks in communal areas such as workplaces, housing complexes, care homes and schools

Local authorities will also need to ensure testing capacity is deployed effectively to high-risk loca-

The government say funding has been allocated to councils based on need, with additional funding provided for communities with lower incomes and

higher demand for local healthcare settings.

Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health, Nadine Dorries, said: "The funding awarded will help each local area work hand in hand Public Health England and contact tracers to focus on the containment of local outbreaks, to control the transmission of this virus.



The Test and Trace service is now active

"The public response to the rollout of NHS Test and Trace has been fantastic, and we continue to rely on everyone to play their part and follow the latest guidelines. If you have symptoms of the virus, please book a test immediately and if you are contacted by the tracing service, it is vital that you follow their

The NHS Test and Trace service works by alerting people who may have been in close contact with a confirmed case of the coronavirus and asking them to self-isolated for 14 days to reduce the risk of them passing it on to anyone else.

They can also be tested quickly if they develop symptoms. If the test is positive then they in turn will be contacted to ask about any interactions they may have had before they self-isolated.

### Dental practices begin to reopen for appointments

SOME dental practices in West Lancashire have

started to reopen for face-to-face appointments. Not all practices will be able to reopen immediately and when they do, the reopening is likely to be phased as they undertake the work required to ensure the safety of patients and staff.

In this early phase of reopening, which started on Monday, June 8, treatment is likely to be for urgent cases only, and some patients may be referred elsewhere for some treatment.

Some of the changes patients will notice are that they will not be admitted to practices until the time of their appointment; they will have to complete a screening process which could be online or on the phone before treatment begins; waiting areas will be cleared and staff will be wearing appropriate personal protection equip-ment (PPE). Practices will be making patients aware of these changes.

Alongside the phased re-opening of dental practices, Urgent Dental Centres (UDCs) that were set up during the pandemic will continue to

provide urgent dental treatment for some patients.

Anthony Leo, Director of Primary Care and Public Health at NHS North West, said: "Some dental practices across the region will start to open for face to face appointments and further practices will reintroduce services once they are in a position to do so. They will do this in a safe and managed way

"Patients will notice some changes - all aimed at providing a safe environment and safe services for patients and staff. These precautions will slow the pace at which clinicians are able to work, and we are grateful to all patients for their understanding and cooperation while we progress to a more routine level of dental and hygiene care."

People should initially contact their dental practice by phone or email. They will be given advice or offered an appointment if appropriate.

If you aren't already registered with a dentist, go to www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist or contact the dental helpline: 0161 476 9651.

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THE coronavirus pandemic has undoubtedly changed everyone's lives – but perhaps none more so than frontline workers at the NHS.

Staff at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust have spoken to the Champion on how their roles changed – some drastically - when preparations were put in place to deal with the disease when it took hold in our hospitals in March.

Many were taken off their normal roles and transferred to hospitals in Sefton and West Lancs to help the fight against Covid. Some were even put on the frontline on wards where coronavirus patients were being treated. Others were moved to roles that were far removed from their normal daily duties.

Trish and Liz, moved from sexual health promo-

tions services, to patient communications.

The pair revealed the transfer was a 'baptism of fire' but found it a 'positive and rewarding experience' despite being 'incredibly nervous' beforehand. They went ward-to-ward organising face-to-face

calls for patients via iPads and Zoom.

Trish said: "There were tears of sadness, of joy and of laughter! It was an honour and a privilege to help patients and their families. We were able to stop and chat to patients too and provide some extra

reassurance to them during such a difficult time."
Liz continued: "There was a really good sense of positivity in all of the wards at the hospitals. The staff pulled together in such a wonderful way from the very start.

"We loved being part of the 'Clap for Carers' and the last one was dedicated to the community, which

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

Emma moved over from her role as a resuscitation officer for the Trust to hands-on Intensive Care Unit nursing. She hadn't been in such a role for 13 years and she admitted it was a 'steep learning curve' and

very difficult' to witness the suffering of patients'. She told the Champion: "It was so hard not to see instant progress when Covid patients were being treated and I struggled initially as it was a very

#### I hadn't realised how much being a nurse meant to me, and being part of the NHS

physical role, hot and having to wear PPE.

"Looking back, I am so proud that I was privileged enough to be able to make a difference to patients' lives and it meant a lot to be able to help when it was all-hands-on-deck.

"The patients were happier when we started wearing badges with our names, faces and roles displayed as it must have been frightening for them not to see anyone's face. The keepsakes, memory boxes and knitted hearts (one for the patient and one for their families) after they passed were an incredible idea, plus bereavement cards from the



Trust made a real difference to the families. I have even more respect for the ICU team now."

Grace, who moved from her role as head of nursing to operational management, as she has asthma, feared she wouldn't be able to 'make a difference' during the pandemic, but she was able to make well-informed decisions by combining her nursing

knowledge with clinical understanding. She said: "I hadn't realised how much being a nurse meant to me, and being part of the NHS. The pandemic has opened eyes to how important the NHS is and made people recognise the work that we do.
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### Nasty iceberg ahead!

I've just seen a new report from the Social Market Foundation on the double impact of Brexit and Coronavirus, and feel like there's

nasty iceberg on the horizon. Because of the North-West's reliance on distribution, hospitality and manufacturing businesses, we face economic disaster should the UK leave Europe without a deal on December 31. Half the areas in the North West are placed in the highest risk category for exposure to this

double economic hit, while a further 40% are in the second highest cat-

Brexit is done and we sadly cannot stop it, but we can protect our jobs, our services and our local businesses. Our communities are already stretched to breaking point by the coronavirus pandemic and we desperately need time to deal with that before we can turn our focus to our changing relationship with the EU.

Stu Nutt. Churchtown

### PICTURE of the week

John Derbyshire, Aintree

Arrogance will not stop pandemic

Like many reasonable and responsive people, I've been following the simple rule of self isolating. I'm 74 and I live by myself but I had to get out so drove to the sea front in Blundellsands. I stayed

(in my car) for about 40 minutes and I couldn't

believe how packed it was and few self distancing. How can we reduce or stop Coronavirus deaths

when you have so many self-centred and arrogant

people around.



PETER Foster in Rufford took this wonderful picture of a kingfisher while on a lockdown walk along the Rufford branch of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. To submit a Picture of the Week entry, simply send your photograph to edit-

orial@champnews.com - please remember to include your full name, the area you live and a brief description of your image.

### The Champ is back - please keep up the good work...

soon began reading.

However, when I saw that Jim

Sharpe had sadly passed away in May,

HEY, the Champion is back! I was deeply saddened. Your letters We've really missed the weekly page and Jim's famous 'One Man and Champ during this pandemic, and I His Dog' were my favourite parts of your paper.

Your tributes to Jim were very fitting and moving. As was said, his views sometimes did raise hackles with some

But then that is precisely what we in this great nation of ours hold (or should hold) dear, and that is our right to express opinion.

Jim was never nasty, insulting, big-

oted or in any way horrible to anyone in any of his articles or musings.

I never had the fortune to meet him, however I share his love of boating (we have a boat ) animals (we have a border collie), and also transport, and I'm certain that if I had met him in a pub, we would have had a pleasant chat over a pint, about boats, dogs,

trains, ships and planes etc.

I do so hope that dogs Tina and Cinders have been found a new home (hopefully together).

RIP Jim. The Champ has lost a true gent, and will never be quite the same. Keep up the good work at the Champ. Stu Gawne, Haskayne

• Editor's note: Many readers have been asking about Jim's dogs and we are happy to report both Cinders and Tina are safe and well and have been rehomed by the RSPCA with a retired couple in Leeds, who have promised to keep them together.

Thanks to all who enquired as to their

### Good riddance to parasitic creatures

I'm sure most people would have severe difficulty understanding that the voracious Covid 19 which has infected 300,000 people and killed more than 44,000 of us, is itself not alive!

So what is this thing that operates in that space between life and death, between being and not being, in the twilight zone between sun up and sun down?

Scientists used to think a virus was a poison but then they thought it was a life form similar to bacteria, but now they say whilst they do have genetic material they cannot reproduce on their own but force us and our bodies to reproduce them, rather like a parasite.

And this made me think of other

dark parasitic creatures such as

Edward Colston who sold 84,000 human beings into slavery of whom over 19,000 died.

This led our great ruling class -Edward Colston was definitely one of theirs - in their infinite wisdom to erect statues and name towers, schools, hills, pubs, streets and roads after him.

And who should come to Colston's aid? None other than Labour Leader 'Sir' Keir Starmer who said it was completely wrong for the protestors to tear the statue down!

Next we ought to think about putting up a statue to an atom bomb, or a war monger (Blair) or why not one for Covid 19 itself?

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# Yes, it's great to be back!

Champion readers share their delight at the return of their favourite weekly read

We missed you... there was never any doubt about that - and it seems you missed us too! When the Champion returned in print form last week, delighted readers were quick to get in touch and tell us how chuffed

they were to see a copy of the paper again.
Almost 20,000! social media users have seen, shared or 'liked' our post on the Champion Newspapers Facebook page informing people of our return - the post revealed a preview of our first front page back, just hours before delivery of the

Champion got underway again.

And we have received so many heartfelt massages from our readers via social media, email and phone calls.

Here are just a selection of the comments and well wishes we received...

On Facebook - Christine Gregor: 'Brilliant, I really missed my paper and will truly miss Jim's One Man and his Dog'.

Debs Hughes: 'Great news, I was very happy to see the paper on the mat this morning!'

Beryl Sephton, commented: 'I really missed you', while Cassie James said 'Great to see you back'.



Nigel P Cooke added: 'Great to hear the clatter of the letterbox announcing the arrival of the Champion once again. Another encouraging sign that things are steadily improving. Thanks.

Les Fawcett: 'Nice to have you back, we have missed you, sorry too, that we will no longer have Jim Sharpe with us, good luck to you all.'

Elizabeth Norman shared a picture of her Champion laid out on her dining table with a brew: 'This made me smile this morning. Glimmer of hope, thanks Champion.

On email - Thornton resident Mike Chambers. wrote: 'I am an avid reader of your paper and am glad that you are back!'

Stu Gawne, Haskayne: "Yesterday afternoon, I spotted a young lad coming down our road, pulling a bright yellow trolley. I said to my wife Ele, "Hey, the Champion is back! We've really missed the weekly 'Champ' during this pandemic.

Julie S, Rufford: "Wey hey, the letterbox snapped as I was on a work call, me just assumwas normal post. So as I got to the front door I was met with your paper. It brought a smile to my face. Our free paper is back.

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## Share your life in lockdown to create lasting memory for future generations

by **Danielle Thompson** 

LANCASHIRE County Council is asking people to share their personal experiences of everyday life in lockdown during the current coronavirus pandemic.

The council's Archives Service is keen to create a new collection so that future generations can understand the personal and very real impact of the virus. Residents are encouraged to send in copies of diaries and photographs that

show how their life has changed.

Artwork that has been created – from rainbows painted by children to cheer people up, to sketches of what sums up life for someone, can also be included.

Anyone taking part can write, draw, make a sound recording, a short video recording or take photographs about what is different now and how this makes them feel.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "As the coronavirus crisis continues, we think that it is important to create a lasting memory of this very challenging time, and we are asking



people to share their stories.

"The pandemic has shown us just how caring and creative people can be to help them through some difficult times, and I think that it is important to record this social history for future genera-

"People could share a daily diary, or their feelings and thoughts expressed about a single day, event or a poem. Residents can also share a recording, video or photograph about what life has been like at home, work or where they live in

"It is entirely up to people themselves what they submit. What matters is that we make sure that we obtain a contemporary record of first-hand experiences of the impact on people's lives. It is really important that we keep a record to ensure future generations will be able to learn about and understand this

extraordinary period in our time."

The service is also trying to collect other contemporary material including: Posters and flyers from organisations who play an important role in keeping vulnerable people safe
• Material from local business relating to closures or changes to how they operate
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- hygiene, social distancing and self-isola-
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- The experiences of parents and carers who looked after their children at home

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### Dog group's 'virtual show' raises cash for rescue charity

MEMBERS of the 'Dog Owners of Burscough' hosted a virtual show

Pet owners jumped at the chance to have fun with their furry friends and raise awareness of REACH, a sled dog rescue founded in November 2015 focusing mainly on Huskies and Malamutes. Its five founders are all experienced sled dog owners with prior experience in animal rescue, although they do have full-time jobs to juggle too. Susannah Blakeley from the Dog

Owners of Burscough said: "As many dog owners know, fun dog shows are a great way for owners and their dogs to socialise. They also give us a chance to show off our gorgeous dogs, and raise much needed funds for animal charities. "During these difficult times, running public events is not possible,

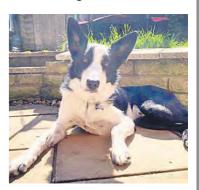
so we held a virtual dog show instead!

"The judge for the show was Andy Edwards from REACH. The rescue relies heavily on the dedication of its community members with help fostering unwanted dogs, assisting with events and fundraising, as well as spreading the word concerning these unique and often misunderstood breeds.

"The show ran for a week on the Burscough Dog Owners Facebook page, with dog owners being invited to enter classes by posting a photo of their dog.



Two of the canines entered into the virtual dog show.



The event was a real success. with more than 160 entries for the 10 classes! The winning dog from each class was automatically entered into Best in Show. It's safe

to say, a great time was had by all! "Our real fun dog show will take place at Briars Hall in Lathom when it's possible to run such an event, and will raise funds for REACH.



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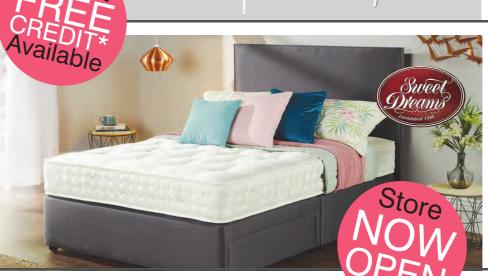


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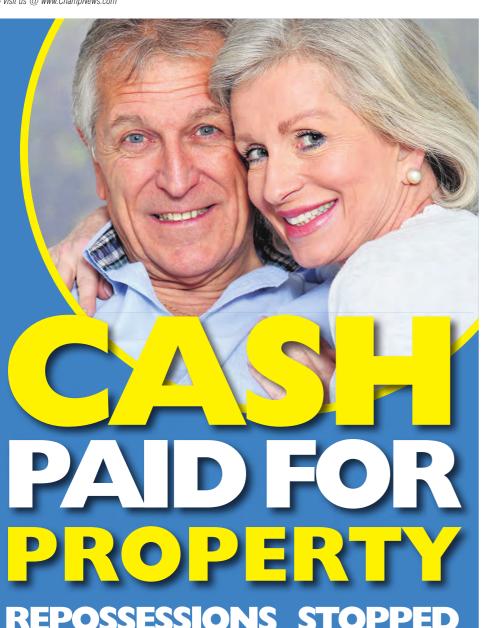
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## Police put the brakes on speeding motorists

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

MORE than 100 cars have been seized and almost 150 people either fined or summoned to court following a speeding operation carried out across Lancashire last month.

Operation Mantaray ran throughout May targeting every area of the borough, with Lancashire Constabulary officers stopping motorists flouting the speed limit as well as those committing other driving offences such as driving without insur-

The areas targeted included a number of 'speeding hotspots' flagged up to the force by local residents. As part of the operation 142 people were stopped for speeding and were subsequently either fined or reported for summons, with several of those stopped doing in excess of 100mph.

The figure of 142 only accounts for those people stopped by officers working on Op Mantaray and doesn't include static speed cameras or safety camera vans which were also enforcing speed limits.

A total of 120 cars were also seized for being driven without insurance or a licence, or both. Officers also stopped a number of motorists for drink or drug-driving, driving whilst using a mobile phone or driving an un-roadworthy vehicle.

Ch Insp Sue Bushell, of the Lancashire Police Tac Ops team, said: "Road safety is always a priority for Lancashire Police, as speeding can have utterly devastating consequences. Sadly, with less traffic on the roads in recent months, we have seen an increase in some people driving at excessive speeds, potentially putting themselves and others

at risk.
"In the ongoing health emergency, keeping the pressure off our emergency services, especially the NHS, is so important whilst they keep the public safe and well throughout this pandemic. If someone speeds and get involved in a collision it will take up vital resources from the NHS, fire and the police.

The force say that the operation came about as it had become apparent that with less traffic on the roads, there had been an increase in motorists driving the same of the sam ing above the speed limit.



**Everton star Theo Walcott** when he met pupils at **Linacre Primary School** 

#### Children's mental health project nominated for national award

A MENTAL health project that saw pupils create portraits of Everton first team players has been shortlisted for a national award.

Tackling the Blues, a joint partnership between Everton in the Community and Edge Hill University, has been nominated in the 2020 Sports Business Awards.

The project, which aims to improve the mental health of young people aged 6-16 through sport, is in the running in the Best Fan Engagement category at the national awards.

Children from Linacre Primary School in Bootle created portraits of Everton first team players after meeting them.

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### More pupils set to go back to school after latest advice

Report by **Tom Martin** 

SCHOOLS in West Lancashire will be able to reopen to more pupils from June 22 after the county's Director of Public Health decided that "enough progress has been made in the county" to revise his advice.

The Champion has previously reported how Dr Sakthi Karunanithi issued blanket guidance to schools to delay reopening to more pupils because his professional view was that two of the government's five coronavirus tests were not being met in the county.

The decision to welcome back more pupils to Lancashire's schools lies with head teachers, in consultation with their board of governors, taking into account their individual circumstances.

The government says that children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 can now be welcomed back. For secondary schools and colleges, the government is keen for teachers to have some face-toface contact with specified year groups.

Dr Karunanithi said: "I am now satis-

fied that there no longer needs to be blanket advice given to Lancashire's schools to delay reopening to more pupils. We are seeing encouraging signs that there is a reduction in the rate of new infections and thankfully there are now fewer deaths from this virus - but it is important to stress that the prevalence of coronavirus is still higher in Lancashire than elsewhere in the country so the room for manoeuvre is limited.

"Each school should now take into



Dr Sakthi Karunanithi

account their own individual circumstances to determine if they can welcome more pupils to Covid-secure schools from June 22.

"There are a number of factors they must consider and one of the most critical is whether or not they are able to introduce effective measures to

encourage social distancing.
"That is also important advice for us all. This virus has not gone away, and there is still a risk that we will face a second peak. That makes it vital for us to maintain social distancing, wash our hands regularly and, if contacted by NHS Test and Trace, follow the instruc tions given. Failure to do this could see some of the measures to ease restrictions on our lives reversed, and could lead to more people dying of coronavirus."

The county council recognises these are exceptional times, so if a child is invited back by their school, but parents choose not to send them, the council will not be exercising enforcement powers such as fines.

### Council gives green light to £5m road repairs

A MAJOR boost for Lancashire's highways will help bring more roads and footpaths into good condition, and repair damage caused by flooding earlier this year.

Councillors prioritised improving people's journeys when setting Lancashire County Council's annual budget in February, agreeing to invest an extra £5million in renewing vital transport infrastructure as part of an overall package totalling £33.4m.

£28.4m worth of improvements were initially agreed, and the county council's cabinet has now given the goahead for a further round of work using this extra £5m.

£1.64m has been allocated to urgent repairs following damage caused by Storms Ciara and Dennis in February. This will prevent more disruption to communities, the risk of further deterioration to roads and structures, and allow badly damaged roads to be

reopened. £1.65m will be invested in improving more of the county's busy A, B and C roads, as well as those in residential areas, adding to £8.9m already allocated for these roads in February's budget.

Roads are prioritised for improvement according to their condition, and this will allow the programme to be extended to preserve or replace more surfaces in need of repair. A further £713,192 has been allocated to extend the programme to improve pavements, helping to prevent trips and

Some £500,000 will be put towards preventing potholes on rural roads using a technique called spray injection patching.
As well as this, £500,000 will be

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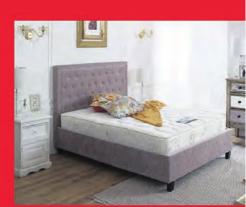




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### US cinema to bring the big screen back into town after 38 year wait

Report by **Danielle Thompson** 

A US franchise is planning to open its first UK cinema in Skelmersdale - 38 years after the town's last cinema closed its doors.

Star Cinemas, which operates screens in California and Arizona plan to deliver an affordable cinema on the ground floor of the Concourse Shopping Centre to further extend its retail and leisure offering

When it opens, it will be the first cinema in Skelmersdale since 1982, when the last large screen

Subject to government restrictions being lifted, Star Cinemas aims to open in August or September this year.

They will be a tenant at the centre, which is owned by Skelmersdale Limited Partnership, a joint venture between London and Cambridge Properties (LCP) and Threadneedle Investments.

Earlier this year, coffee operator Siesta Coffee took on unit 110, a 1343 sq ft space adjacent to pizza giant Domino's, on the ground floor of Concourse Shopping

Andrew Barrett, retail director at LCP, which is delivering the project on behalf of the Skelmersdale Limited Partnership, said the launch of a new cinema is an 'exciting time' for the shopping centre and for the residents of



A cinema will be placed in the Concourse

He said: "It's a considerable investment, but it is one we are prepared to make to improve the shopping centre, enhance the leisure facilities and boost the local economy. Bringing the cinema to Skelmersdale will provide entertainment facilities to the doorstep of the local community. We're very much looking forward to the cinema

opening."
The cinema opening has been welcomed by West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper, who said: "I very much welcome further investment in the Concourse and the increased leisure provision this cinema will bring. sions so I sincerely hope this is delivered and that residents can enjoy going to the movies with their friends and family later this year.

### Roundabout 'in poor condition' to be repaired

ROUNDABOUT in Lulworth described as being in a 'poor condition' will be improved.

Concerned residents contacted MP Rosie Cooper because the roundabout was in a very

Lancashire County Council

has confirmed that they will be installing white marker posts to prevent vehicles from mounting the grass verge at the roundabout on Lulworth, at the rear of Ashurst Primary

MP Cooper said: "I am

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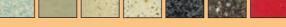
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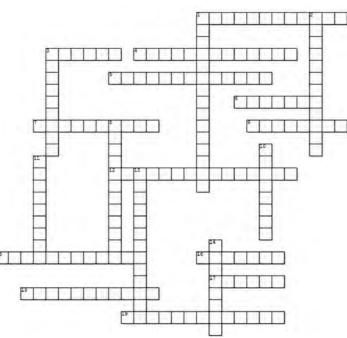
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# Trophy hunting book nominated for award

A PSYCHOLOGIST has received international recognition for his ground-breaking work on trophy hunting and climate change.

Professor Geoff Beattie, from Edge Hill University in Ormskirk, who is also author and

Professor Geoff Beattie, from Edge Hill University in Ormskirk, who is also an author and broadcaster, has had his book, Trophy Hunting, named on a shortlist of three to win the Taylor and Francis Outstanding Book and Digital Product Award.

The book, nominated in the Outstanding Professional Category, is the first to take a critical look at the psychology behind the controversial activity of killing often endangered animals for sport.

He examines current research to determine whether there really is an evolutionary argument for trophy hunting, and what range of motivations and personality traits may be linked to this activity. The book has been described as 'required reading' by Will Travers, the President and co-founder of the Born Free Foundation.

Geoff said: "This is a great honour especially given that Taylor & Francis publish about 7,000 new books each year, with a backlist of over 140,000 titles available in print and digital



**Geoff Beattie** 

formats. I'm delighted that being shortlisted for this award will help draw attention to the book and this serious and disturbing topic. The psychological dimension to trophy hunting needed to be explored."

Trophy Hunting is a continuation of Geoff's work on protecting the natural world, which started with The Psychology of Climate Change, co-authored with Edge Hill colleague Dr Laura McGuire from the Faculty of Education.

#### NoWcard extension of travel benefits to end

AN extension of travel benefits to NoWcard holders in West Lancashire is coming to an end from next week as lockdown restrictions are further reduced and more retailers are allowed to trade.

An entitlement to free travel using a concessionary travel pass was extended to cover the pre 9.30am morning peak in March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as essential retailers

experienced some disruption to supplies and dedicated the first hour of shopping to older and vulnerable people.

Bus operators are now expecting increased peak-time demand as people working in retail join key workers already using these services, however social distancing restrictions mean that capacity on buses is much reduced.

There is therefore a need to

ensure that the limited seats available are prioritised for people who need to get to work.
From Monday, June 15, as town

From Monday, June 15, as town and city centres begin to reopen, normal arrangements will resume.

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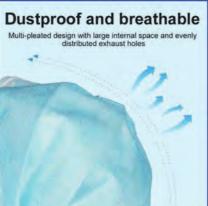
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If you would like to pay tribute to a loved one, please email their name and the date they passed away to karen.simms@champnews.com or call Karen on 01704 392317

## Announcements

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

#### **SAWYER** JOAN

Family wish to acknowledge the kindness and sympathy shown during her illness, and after her passing on 23rd May 2020. Special thanks to staff at Alma Green care home and all her friends over the years. **Donations to Arthritis** Research UK

### WILSON **ANTHONY** COLIN

(TONY) Susan, Mark and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their prayers, support, sympathy cards, flowers, messages and donations for Queenscourt Hospice, MS Society and Ormskirk Parish Church received during their recent sad loss of Tony a much loved Husband, Dad, Brother and friend.

Our sincere gratitude to Queenscourt Hospice for the care given to Tony in the last week of his life Grateful thanks to Rev Lin Camp. Rev Pauline Bicknell and Rev Stuart Haynes for a lovely service in celebration of Tony's life. Thanks also to Lisa Hunter,

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#### DEATHS

#### DIAMOND (Nee Ashton) MARIE

#### 9th June 2020 Aged 84 Years

Peacefully in Elm House Much loved Wife of the late Jack Diamond. Marie will be missed so much by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 19th June 2020 at 12:30pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions. close family and friends only to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK (direct payments to the charity only please) Enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane. Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

#### DEATHS

### **DAVIES** .INYCF

(Nee Armstrong)

2nd June 2020 **Aged 87 years** 

**Peacefully in hospital** holding her daughter Carolyn's hand.

Reunited with her loving husband Tom. Cherished Mum and Nan. Will be missed by all her family and all who knew her. Private family service at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 24th June at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to PDSA or Dogs Trusts. All enquiries to Thompsons Funeral Directors, 175a Liverpool Road South Maghull I 31 8AA Tel.

### **RICHARDS IRENE FLORENCE**

#### 11th March 2020 Aged 79 Years

After a short illness bravely borne. Passed away in her sleep. Sadly missed by her partner John and Sons Paul and Christopher, Brother Ken and all who knew her Service was at Southport Crematorium on 26th March Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

#### **OLDFIELD** JOHN

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#### 3rd April 2020 **Peacefully at home**

Much loved Husband of Jenny, Dad of Lisa and Diane, Fatherin-Law of Wayne and John, Devoted Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral took place on 15th April at West Lancs Crematorium. Many thanks for all the many messages of sympathy and donations received for Queenscourt Thanks also to Hardmans **Funeral Directors** for the dignified arrangements.



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#### **GRAHAM ALAN GREGORY** (Alan the Builder)

Passed away suddenly on 11th June 2020 aged 72 years

Cherished Partner of Pat. loving Father to Mark, Justine and Claire. Father in law to Andrew & Steve. Brother and Brother in law of Judy and Eric, Stuart and Susan and dearly loved Granddad Great Granddad and Uncle. Missed by Dean Daniel, Ashley and their families. Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends. Rest in peace. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (direct payments to the charity only please) For further enquiries please contact Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane Southport. PR9 9DR. 01704 500086

#### **HALEWOOD THOMAS** (TOM)

#### 14th June 2020 Aged 86 Years

Died peacefully after a short illness. Beloved Husband of Barbara. Loving Father of Chris, Catherine and Jane. Father in law of Melanie, Dave and Peter. Cherished Grandad of Karl, Linzi, Jake, Charlotte, Emma, Toby and proud Great Grandad to Jensen. Tom will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be made direct to Brain Tumour Research (RCN 1153487). All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane

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#### **BURNS** JOHN ADRIAN

June 9th 2020 After a long illness Aged 83 years

Husband of Margaret, Father of Clive and Nikki. Father in law of Steve. He has left a hole in our hearts which will take a long time to fill. lan's family would like to thank all who have cared for him in recent years, Chris, his carers, Nazareth House and all the many in the NHS who helped along the way. Donations to the Stroke Association would be appreciated. lan's life will be celebrated

at 2pm at Thornton Crematorium Monday June 22nd 2020. Covid regulations apply. Let us know if you wish to attend or see you along the way, contact Nikki or H Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE.

### PINNINGTON LES

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9th March 2020 neacefully in Hosnital after a long ilness

#### Aged 88 years inded by his family

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#### **GIBSON** DONALD

June 6th 2020 Aged 88 years

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Rest in peace. Your broken-hearted Wife Joan.

Dad of Karen and Father-In -Law to Maythem. Love you Dad always, footie and table tennis won't be the same without

you. Karen and Maythem XX

Dad you were and are still our Father and friend, always there in times good and bad, a family man through and through. Love Warren

XX Donald will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday June 23rd 2020 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Cancer Research UK or Alzheimer's Society. co Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244804

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#### **BREEN MARGARET**

Sadly passed away eacefully on 8th June 2020



Much loved Mum of Anthony and Simon. Loving Grandma to Joe. Dear Sister of John, Ann and Anthony.

Will be sadly missed by family and friends and in our hearts forever

Funeral at Thornton Crematorium, 2 p.m. Tuesday 23rd June.

Due to current circumstances, only immediate family are able to attend. Family flowers only. Donations gratefully received for Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and Crosby Plaza.

Further enquires to Graham J Clegg Funeral Services, 7 Dover Road. Maghull, L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 909 4553 DEATHS

#### **MARSHALL** .IIINF

Sadly nassed away at me on 9th June 2020 surrounded by family

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U927 BRIDGE STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length

of U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk from a point 30m North West of its junction with U900 Ravenscroft Avenue for a distance of 40m in a North

Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying ut of the works.

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Jeriou. 4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk – B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk – A570 Park Road, Ormskirk – A570 St Helens Road, North of Park Road – U897 Small Lane, Ormskirk – U896 Chapel Street, Ormskirk – U837 Bridge Chapt Ormskirk and viscos (Park) U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk and vice versa.

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LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have

nade an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any person to cause or permit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding at a speed exceeding the stated temporary speed restriction over the following lengths of highway in the Borough of West

#### B5243 Birkdale Cop, Scarisbrick

tres in a South Easterly direction from a point 65m metres South East of the centre point of its junction with Fown Lane, Sefton Borough to its junction with X59 London Lane,

#### B5243 Heathey Lane, Halsall

30 MPH for a distance of 381 metres in a South Easterly direction from the centre point of its junction with X59 London Lane, Halsall the centre point or its Junction with AS9 London Lane, Halsall

1. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within
regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (S pecial Forces)
(Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance
with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 29th

une 2020 until 2359 hours on Wednesday 29th December 2021. The temporary prohibition is necessary to facilitate the safe access to the Barratt & David Wilson Homes construction site's vehicle access ooint while construction works are undertaken off the highway.

Authority given for this Notice to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and

Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/23717/EW]

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npletion of the works within this period on pleason of the works within this period.

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The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential preventative works to the power network to prevent a loss of supply to be carried out

by Scottish Power. Authority given for this Order to be made:

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## A little bit of Bellagio coming here?



A LITTLE bit of Bellagio could be coming to Birkdale in the not-toodistant future. Maghull might look a teeny bit more like Milan. Trendy young things could be treating the beach at Crosby like it's the shoreline of Lake Como

Well, I hope so anyway, if the latest in a long line of efforts to ween us all out of our cars works out. In much the same way that Italy went into lockdown before we did, it's now come out of the other end earlier and is gradually getting back to doing all those things it does better than anyone else. Top-notch trattorias. Structurally challenged tourist attractions. Designer handbags. The Ferrari F8 Trib-

It's also particularly good at scooters, as anyone who's ever struggled to get a quiet night's sleep in Naples will testify. The latest one's from a small start-up company called Wow! – yes, really, with an excitable exclamation mark! – and I reckon it looks sharp enough that it might just tempt a few younger motorists who'd oth-

erwise have to fork out a grand just to insure a secondhand Peugeot 308. It's very on-trend - it's impossible *not* to social distance if you're on a scooter there's something very Tron-esque about its angular styling. The sort of thing the chaps at Bertone would sketch on a Friday night after listening to too listening to much Daft Punk.

I reckon, as someone who used to love riding around on an old Vespa, that the Wow! Model 4 and its hotted-up, faster Model 6 sibling would go down a storm here, particularly because it doesn't use some clattery old two-stroke to do its bidding. It's electric, uses its brakes to recover energy, and you can charge it up completely in four-and-a-bit hours (try doing that in a Nissan LEAF). I'm not going to pretend for a moment that I'd chop in my MX-5 for one, but as a neat-looking second wheels for doing shorter trips with a zero emissions feelgood factor? I would.

Except that the Italians aren't bringing it over yet. The government, despite openly touting e-scooters as part of its plan for a carbon-neutral future, hasn't made it legal



here yet. You can't ride it on the road (the Model 6 can crack 50mph, but with the Model 4's top speed of a dizzying 27mph, I'm not sure you'd want to), and you'd get wrapped around the knuckles if you tried it out on the pavement too. Whitehall has launched a trial for e-scooters, with Glasgow and Milton Keynes among the cities giving them a go first, but for now the UK

seems woefully behind the rest of Europe.

If Boris Johnson – the former motoring correspondent for GQ, don't forget - really is insistent that we use our cars less, then we might as well do some of the shorter journeys on something that looks cool. Providing it doesn't rain, of course...

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car

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